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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 16-20 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (amended) A method of inhibiting the expression of Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, P127 in cells or tissues comprising contacting said cells or tissues *in vitro* with the compound of claim 1 so that expression of Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, P127 is inhibited.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 have been stated to be rejected. Claims 16-20 have been canceled. Claim 15 has been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

I. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

Claims 15-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The Examiner acknowledges that the specification while